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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 30th
day of October, 1997.

In the Matter of St. Joseph Light & Power)	
Company's purchased gas adjustment factors to be)	
audited in its May 1997-August 1997)	Case No. GR-98-175
Actual Cost Adjustment.)	

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATES

St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP or Company) of St. Joseph, Missouri, submitted a tariff sheet to the Commission on October 17, 1997, carrying an effective date of November 4, 1997. The tariff sheet was filed to reflect scheduled changes in SJLP's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as the result of changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season. Additionally, the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factor and the Transition Cost (TC) factor decreased.

Although the net effect of this filing will increase the current Total PGA factors, the estimated effect of this change will decrease the 1997-1998 winter season revenues by approximately \$352,000 as compared to the 1996-1997 winter season revenues. The winter season includes the months of November through March. The estimated impact on a typical residential space heating customer using 888 Ccf of natural gas in the winter season will be a decrease of approximately \$45.61. This represents a decrease of approximately 8% in this customer's winter season bills.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum stating that the changes in SJLP's PGA factors were calculated in conformance with the Company's approved PGA Clause. The Staff stated that SJLP's PGA Clause

allows for ten (10) business days notice for filings reflecting PGA changes. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet to become effective November 4, 1997 on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in SJLP's ACA Cases No. GR-96-47, GR-97-206 and GR-98-175. The Staff also requested that the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of the ACA period and submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before April 1, 1998.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet, Staff's recommendation and request, and finds that the tariff sheet conforms to the Company's Commission approved PGA Clause and is therefore reasonable. After considering Staff's recommendation, and for good cause shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 1994, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on and after the requested effective date of November 4, 1997, interim subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheet submitted on October 17, 1997, by St. Joseph Light & Power Company of St. Joseph, Missouri, be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, to become effective on November 4, 1997. The tariff sheet approved is:

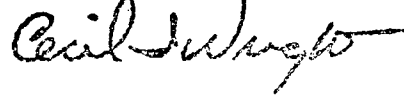
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2. That the Commission's Procurement Analysis Department be given the time necessary to conduct its audit of this ACA period and submit its results and recommendations regarding this ACA filing on or before April 1, 1998.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 4, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Murray,
and Drainer, CC., concur.

Derque, Regulatory Law Judge